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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Michael Lax et al.  
Application No.: 09/858,457 Confirmation No.: 1750  
Filed : May 16, 2001  
For : CASE WITH INTERNAL LOCK  
Group Art Unit : 3676  
Examiner : Lloyd A. Gall

New York, New York 10020  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

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In reply to the Office Action dated September 30, 2003,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this  
paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 15 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 21 of this paper  
and include both 13 attached Replacement Sheets and 13  
sheets of Annotated Marked-up Drawings.

**Remarks** begin on page 22 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including drawing Replacement Sheets and  
Annotated Marked-up Drawings is attached following page 36  
of this paper.